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which may arise from ~~NEWSWEEK~~ story/detailing alleged JS recommendation for possible military action in connection Berlin and similar press stories this subject:

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1. The current situation with respect to Berlin is giving rise to a great many highly speculative press stories largely inaccurate.

2. It is an obvious responsibility of military staffs to work continuously on plans covering a broad range of possibilities. This is true with respect to a number of potentially critical areas including but not limited to Berlin.

3. Foregoing does not alter fact that such plans either individually or in combination are implemented only as a result of a political decision which would course be made only in full consultation with our Allies.

4. Four power talks on Berlin are continuing in Washington and largely deal with tactical aspects of planning. Reports to the full MAC will be made whenever appropriate. Meanwhile any NATO member is free to put forward suggestions for consideration by the four governments.

5. Meanwhile we do not rpt not plan take any of the actions listed in the ~~NEWSWEEK~~ story at this time.

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